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DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Electrical Examiners

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: July 6, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Sharp, President, Professional Member Robert MacLennan, Continuing Education Officer, Professional Member Jack King, Professional Member Frank Beebe, Public Member Richard Millar, Public Member Nathan Schreppler, Public Member William Poore, Board Secretary, Public Member Jerry Craig, Professional Member

ABSENT

Daniel Creedon, Vice-President, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Danny Stevenson, Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Witte, Administrative Specialist II

OTHERS PRESENT

Robert Smith Nick Sebastian James Whitesel Victor Panzieri Jessica Quinn

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sharp called the meeting to order at 8:51 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Beebe, to approve the amended minutes from the May 4, 2011 meeting as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rules and Regulations Hearing

The hearing went on record at 9:04 a.m.

Mr. Stevenson introduced this was a public hearing to adopt the amendments to the Rules and Regulations in reference to the crimes substantially similar to the work of an electrician.

The Board members were introduced.

Mr. Stevenson had marked as Board Exhibits 1 and 2 the ads from the News Journal and Delaware State News of today's hearing.

Mr. Stevenson added that there were no written comments regarding today's hearing received by the Division.

Ms. Gibbons, Chief Hearing Officer for the Division, asked what would happen if a person applied for licensure that has these charges on their criminal record.

Mr. Stevenson advised that the Board would have the authority to deny licensure.

Mr. Sebastian, member of the public, addressed the Board with a question not related to the hearing, and was asked to address this question during the Public Comment part of the meeting.

There were no additional public comments.

The hearing went off record and into deliberations.

The hearing went back on record at 9:12 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Poore, to approve the amended rules and regulations. The motion was unanimously carried.

The hearing adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Verbatim testimony was recorded.

Proposal to Deny Hearing-Victor Panzieri

The hearing went on record at 9:45 a.m.

Mr. Stevenson stated this was a proposal to deny hearing for Victor Panzieri due to the administrative penalties on his Massachusetts license.

The Board members were introduced.

Mr. Panzieri waived the right to legal counsel and was sworn in.

Mr. Panzieri gave testimony that the administrative penalties he received were due to pulling a permit late on a job and hiring Journeyman to assist him and this incident occurred about 9 years ago.

Mr. Panzieri added that he is an SME, Subject Matter Expert, with the U.S. Military and currently on a large job in Afghanistan where he has 600 electricians working under him, and he is licensed in six other states.

Mr. Panzieri answered questions from the Board.

Mr. Stevenson marked as Board's Exhibit 1 a packet of documents including the application for Master Electrician, transcripts, Consent Agreement from Massachusetts, verification of insurance, proposal to deny notice dated May 26, 2011, U.S.P.S. green card, an email waiving 20 day notice of a hearing, and hearing notice.

The hearing went off record and into deliberations.

The hearing went back on record at 9:53 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Beebe, to approve the Master Electrician application of Victor Panzieri contingent upon receipt of verification of his Texas and Rhode Island licenses. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Hearing adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Verbatim testimony was recorded.

Signing of Decision and Orders

The Decision and Order from the Proposal to Deny hearing of Timothy Phillips was signed by the Board members.

The Decision and Orders from the Disciplinary hearings of Joseph Gorman, Sr. and Harold Blair were signed by the Board members.

New Business

Review of Examination Results

The Board reviewed the examination results, which showed that out of seventeen candidates, there were only two that had passing scores: Sean Cummins-Master Electrical and Herbert Speach-Limited Electrical.

Review of Reciprocity Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, seconded by Mr. Poore, to approve the Master Electrician application of Shawn Rinehart, and approve the Master Electrician application of Larry Bisignano contingent upon receipt of an update insurance verification. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Examination Applications

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. King, to approve the Master Electrician applications of Scott Kolb and Matthew Lynch. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. King, to deny the Master Electrician application of Dwight Francis for no proof of supervised experience.

Review of Continuing Education

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Poore, to approve the following courses as follows:

National Training Institute

Residential Service Calculation (seminar/workshop), 5 hours

National Code Seminars

Introduction to the 2011 NEC & Delaware Bus, Laws and Regulations, 10 hours

Mike Holt Enterprises, Inc.

2011 NEC Requirements for Solar PV Systems, 10 hours 2011 Grounding vs. Bonding, Article 250, 10 hours

The motion was unanimously carried.

Request for Inactive Status

The Board reviewed the inactive status requests for Steven Shockley and Richard Ennis, Jr. Their requests will be processed if they meet all the requirements for inactive status.

Elections

A motion was made by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. MacLennan, to table elections until the July meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Complaints Open/Closed

01-06-08-Forwarded to AG's Office

01-10-08-Forwarded to AG's Office

01-01-09-Assigned

01-02-09-Assigned

01-04-09-Assigned

01-08-09-Forwarded to AG's Office

01-09-09-Forwarded to AG's Office

01-11-09-Forwarded to AG's Office

01-12-09-Forwarded to AG's Office

01-13-09-Assigned

01-14-09-Assigned/Forwarded to AG's Office

01-16-09-Assigned

01-17-09-Forwarded to AG's Office

01-18-09-Forwarded to AG's Office

01-02-10-Assigned

01-04-10-Forwarded to AG's Office

01-06-10-Forwarded to AG's Office

> 01-09-10-Assigned 01-10-10-Assigned 01-11-10-Assigned 01-12-10-Assigned 01-13-10-Assigned

Correspondence

Ms. Witte read a letter to the Board, sent from Christopher Huffman, thanking the Division for the assistance that he received in completing his Master Electrician application and the Board for amending the May agenda to review the application.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

Mr. Sharp located an exam for homeowners that Maryland administers prior to issuing a Homeowners Permit. There are different tests, depending on the type of work that will be done, and they consist of about 20 questions based off of a code book that the homeowner is supplied with and limited to single-family homes.

The Board will review the application that Maryland uses and add discussion of this topic to the July agenda.

Mr. Whitesel addressed the Board as to the reasoning for the letter that was sent to the Inspection agencies regarding compliance to 12.0 of the Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Sharp advised Mr. Whitesel that all applications for inspections need to be completely filled out by the electrician and that the Inspection Agencies should not be filling out any part of those applications on behalf of the electricians, and suggested a notice be sent to their contractors advising them of this.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sebastian addressed the Board on the importance of a licensed electrician being responsible for any installation of a solar system.

Mr. Smith, from MDIA, added that he would like to see the electrician take responsibility for the whole installation from the panel to the utility connection.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 in Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Bldg. 861 Silver Lake Blvd. Dover DE.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Craig, to adjourn. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Witte Administrative Specialist II